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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON RECOVERY EFFORT FOR ZAIRE

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1. AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT TO REFTEL B, AND IN LIGHT OF THE

REPLIES FROM VARIOUS AFRICAN ADDRESSEES TO REFTEL A, WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION IN GOM POLICY. GOM WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN AFRICAN FORCE TO SHABA DOES NOT EXTEND TO MORE GENERAL PROPOSAL OF A PERMANENT AFRICAN INTERVENTION FORCE. ON THE CONTRARY, KING HASSAN HAS CLEARLY STATED IN RECENT WASHINGTON POST INTERVIEW (STATE 136208 NOTAL) THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF A "PERMANENT ALL-AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE." HE VOICED THE CONCERN THAT IT WOULD TRIGGER A MOVE BY MORE RADICAL STATES WITH LARGER ARMIES TO FORM ANOTHER, MORE POWERFUL INTER-AFRICAN FORCE. IN AN APPARENT BARB AIMED AT THE WEST, HE SAID THAT SUCH A FORCE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY PROFIT FROM MORE SUPPORT FROM THE SOVIET BLOC THAN THE WEST WOULD GIVE ITS ALLIES. THE BALANCE IN AFRICA WOULD THEN BE THREATENED, HE CONCLUDED.

2. WE ALSO ASSUME MOROCCANS WILL CONTINUE TO WISH TO BE SELECTIVE WITH REGARD TO FUTURE OPERATIONS. IN PAST, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HAVE REFRAINED FROM AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CHAD OR SOMALIA, DESPITE HAVING A SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE.
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